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ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 186

Introduced by Assembly Member Maienschein (Principal coauthor: Assembly Member Hagman) (Coauthors: Assembly Members *Chávez*, Dahle, Donnelly, Beth Gaines, *Grove*, Harkey, Olsen, and Patterson)

(Coauthors: Senators Fuller and Huff)

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An act to amend Section 115.5 of the Business and Professions Code, relating to professions and vocations, and making an appropriation therefor.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 186, as amended, Maienschein. Professions and vocations: military spouses: temporary licenses.

Existing law provides for the licensure and regulation of various professions and vocations by boards within the Department of Consumer Affairs. Existing law provides for the issuance of reciprocal licenses in certain fields where the applicant, among other requirements, has a license to practice within that field in another jurisdiction, as specified. Existing law requires that the licensing fees imposed by certain boards within the department be deposited in funds that are continuously appropriated. Existing law requires a board within the department to expedite the licensure process for an applicant who holds a current license in another jurisdiction in the same profession or vocation and who supplies satisfactory evidence of being married to, or in a domestic

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partnership or other legal union with, an active duty member of the Armed Forces of the United States who is assigned to a duty station in California under official active duty military orders.

This bill would authorize a board within the department to issue a provisional license to an applicant who qualifies for an expedited license pursuant to the above-described provision. The

This bill would require a board within the department to issue a temporary license to an applicant who qualifies for, and requests, expedited licensure pursuant to the above-described provision if he or she meets specified requirements. The bill would require the temporary license to expire 12 months after issuance, upon issuance of the expedited license, or upon denial of the application for expedited licensure by the board, whichever occurs first. The bill would authorize a board to conduct an investigation of an applicant for purposes of denying or revoking a temporary license, and would authorize a criminal background check as part of that investigation. The bill would require an applicant seeking a temporary license to submit an application to the board that includes a signed affidavit attesting to the fact that he or she meets all of the requirements for the temporary license and that the information submitted in the application is accurate, as specified. The bill would also require the application to include written verification from the applicant's original licensing jurisdiction stating that the applicant's license is in good standing.

This bill would prohibit a provisional temporary license from being provided to any applicant who has committed an act in any jurisdiction that would have constituted grounds for denial, suspension, or revocation of the license at the time the act was committed, or committed. The bill would provide that a violation of the above-described provision may be grounds for the denial or revocation of a temporary license. The bill would further prohibit a temporary license from being provided to any applicant who has been disciplined by a licensing entity in another jurisdiction, or is the subject of an unresolved complaint, review procedure, or disciplinary proceeding conducted by a licensing entity in another jurisdiction. The bill would require the board to approve a provisional license based on an application that includes an affidavit that the information submitted in the application is accurate and that verification documentation from the other jurisdiction has been requested. The bill would require the provisional license to expire after 18 months or at the issuance of the expedited license. The bill would -3- AB 186

require an applicant, upon request by a board, to furnish a full set of fingerprints for purposes of conducting a criminal background check.

By creating provisional licenses for which a fee may be collected and deposited into a continuously appropriated fund, this bill would make an appropriation.

Because the bill would authorize the expenditure of continuously appropriated funds for a new purpose, the bill would make an appropriation.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: yes. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 115.5 of the Business and Professions 2 Code is amended to read:
- 3 115.5. (a) A board within the department shall expedite the licensure process for an applicant who meets both of the following requirements:
- 6 (1) Supplies evidence satisfactory to the board that the applicant is married to, or in a domestic partnership or other legal union with, an active duty member of the Armed Forces of the United States who is assigned to a duty station in this state under official active duty military orders.

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- (2) Holds a current license in another state, district, or territory of the United States in the profession or vocation for which he or she seeks a license from the board.
- (b) (1) For each applicant who is eligible for an expedited license pursuant to subdivision (a) and meets the requirements in paragraph (2), the board shall provide a provisional license while the board processes the application for licensure. The board shall approve a provisional license based on an application that includes an affidavit that the information submitted in the application is accurate and that verification documentation from the other jurisdiction has been requested. The provisional license shall expire 18 months after issuance or upon issuance of the expedited license.
- (b) (1) A board shall, after appropriate investigation, issue a temporary license to an applicant who is eligible for, and requests, expedited licensure pursuant to subdivision (a) if the applicant meets the requirements described in paragraph (3). The temporary license shall expire 12 months after issuance, upon issuance of

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the expedited license, or upon denial of the application for expedited licensure by the board, whichever occurs first.

- (2) The board may conduct an investigation of an applicant for purposes of denying or revoking a temporary license issued pursuant to this subdivision. This investigation may include a criminal background check.
- (3) (A) An applicant seeking a temporary license issued pursuant to this subdivision shall submit an application to the board which shall include a signed affidavit attesting to the fact that he or she meets all of the requirements for the temporary license and that the information submitted in the application is accurate, to the best of his or her knowledge. The application shall also include written verification from the applicant's original licensing jurisdiction stating that the applicant's license is in good standing in that jurisdiction.
 - (2) (A)

 (B) The applicant shall not have committed an act in any jurisdiction that would have constituted grounds for denial, suspension, or revocation of the license under this code at the time the act was committed. A violation of this subparagraph may be grounds for the denial or revocation of a temporary license issued by the board.

(B)

- (C) The applicant shall not have been disciplined by a licensing entity in another jurisdiction and shall not be the subject of an unresolved complaint, review procedure, or disciplinary proceeding conducted by a licensing entity in another jurisdiction.
- (D) The applicant shall, upon request by a board, furnish a full set of fingerprints for purposes of conducting a criminal background check.
- (c) A board may adopt regulations necessary to administer this section.